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Applicant : Gerhard Muller, et al.  
Application No. : 09/508,045  
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Title : ELECTRODE ARRANGEMENT FOR ELECTROTHERMAL TREATMENT OF HUMAN OR ANIMAL BODIES  
  
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action of October 11, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the paragraph beginning on line 16 through line 20, and replace it with the following:

The application of high-frequency (HF) alternating currents (specifically in the frequency range of between 300 kHz and 2 MHz) to generate high temperatures for tissue coagulation as a surgical procedure has long been known. In practice monopolar or bipolar electrode arrangements are used for introducing the HF-current into the tissue.